

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2007, 2:00 P.M.  
Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present:            Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Co-Chair  
                                 Rep. Bradley G. Last, Co-Chair  
                                 Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
                                 Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
                                 Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell  
                                 Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove  
                                 Rep. Brad L. Dee  
                                 Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
                                 Rep. Gage Froerer  
                                 Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
                                 Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove  
                                 Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
                                 Rep. Phil Riesen  
                                 Rep. Aaron Tilton  
                                 Rep. Carl Wimmer

Staff Present:            Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
                                 J. Daniel Schoenfeld, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
                                 Cherie Schmidt, Secretary

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the Subcommittee minutes.

Co-Chair Last called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1.     **Welcome** - Co-Chair Last welcomed those present to the meeting.

2.     **Approval of Meeting Minutes** -

**MOTION:** Sen. VanTassell moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007, Subcommittee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

3.     **Committee Action** - Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, gave an explanation of a handout entitled, "Committee Motions," that was given to the Subcommittee members. He explained that the handout comprises motions based on the Analysts' recommendations and other items that need approval each year.

**MOTION:** Rep. Froerer moved to adopt an additional \$6,000,000 in estimated interest revenue to the Uniform School Fund Restricted-Interest and Dividends account for a total of \$21,000,000.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cosgrove moved to adopt the Fiscal Analyst recommendations for the USOE Internal Service Fund, including capital outlay of \$20,000, eight Full-Time Equivalents, and the following rate structure:

Printing:

\$19.00 per hour labor

.04 per copy

Cost plus 35 percent on printing supplies

Mail Room: Cost plus 25 percent on postage

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Morgan moved to adopt the Analyst recommendations for USOE Indirect Cost Pool including authorized capital outlay of \$14,000, 43 Full-time Equivalents, and the following rate structure:

14.6 percent of personal services supported by restricted funds

17.1 percent of personal services supported by restricted funds

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Menlove moved to adopt the FY 2008 Fee Schedule for law, Legislation, and Education Services. Further, I move the Subcommittee move all teaching licensing fees to their own line and that they are deposited into Professional Practices Restricted Account. Further, I move all Full-Time Equivalent staff associated with Teacher Licensing in Law, Legislation, and Education Services be moved to the new line item, Professional Practices Restricted Account. (See Fee Schedule)

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dee moved to approve the receipt and use of the federal funds detailed in the Issue Brief titled "Public Education Agencies Federal Funds" by the Utah State Office of Education, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Child Nutrition Programs, Charter Schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind for FY 2008. Further I

move that the co-chairs submit a recommendation of those accepted federal funds to the Executive Appropriations Committee for their further consideration.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Stephenson moved to adopt the budget priority items listed in priority order on the sheet titled “Public Education Budget Recommendations” and recommended further that these items be sent to the Executive Appropriations Committee for further consideration. (See Attachment A)

Co-Chair Stephenson stated that most of the items included on this list have been recommended by the State Board, the Governor, and the Analysts.

Co-Chair Stephenson withdrew the priority order in this motion.

Co-Chair Stephenson also discussed some line items including adjustments to the WPU and teacher salary increases and the recommended appropriations.

The Subcommittee discussed a few items that were requested but not included in the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Majority Budget Motions.

There was discussion concerning budget allocations for class size reduction but no changes were adopted from the budget plan.

Other subjects discussed included 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology, teacher compensation, Pre-Kindergarten, and deaf and blind interpreters.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to include school nurses in the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Majority Budget Motions.

The cost for this program is estimated at \$1 million.

After discussing this issue, Sen. Jones withdrew this motion.

Rep. Morgan made a request to reserve the right to make a motion concerning the Assistive Technology Waiting List. This item has been reduced to \$400,000. Rep. Morgan stated that she would like to see this amount raised to \$600,000.

Rep. Cosgrove also made a request to reserve the right to make a motion concerning interpreters for the deaf and blind schools and Concurrent Enrollment. Rep. Cosgrove stated that he would not like to see the amount for Concurrent Enrollment diminished.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Co-Chair Stephenson moved to approve for recommendation to the Executive Appropriations Committee Attachment A with the addition of \$1.2 million one-time money for Charter School startup.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Tilton absent at the time of voting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Menlove moved to transfer \$70,000 in ongoing Uniform School Fund Revenue from the Minimum School Program Public Education Job Enhancement Program to the Utah State Office of Education for program administration costs.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Stephenson moved that the Co-Chairs work with staff to include language clarifying the following appropriations in the Subcommittee's report to the Executive Appropriations Committee for inclusion in the final appropriations bills. (See Attachment B)

Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained Attachment B to the Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Morgan moved to adjourn.

Co-Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Cherie Schmidt, Secretary

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Sen. Howard Stephenson, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Bradley G. Last, Committee Co-Chair